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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title insert the following:

-- This application is the US national phase of international application
PCT/EP00/07807 filed August 10, 2000 which designated the U.S. --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) An expression cassette as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coding
HPPD sequence is linked functionally to the coding sequence of a plant-organelle-
specific transit peptide.